

STATE TAXES IN OKLAHOMA LESS THAN THE OLD TERRITORIAL LEVY

Guthrie, Oct. 9.—Before the adoption of the Constitution, people were led to believe that state taxes would be ruinously high. The old territorial gang of grafters who were opposing the adoption of the constitution pointed out that most of the expenses of maintaining a territorial government was borne by the federal government and that in the event of statehood that these expenses, as well as all expenses incident to establishing penitentiaries, schools, reformatories, insane asylums, institutions for the education of the deaf and dumb and blind, would fall upon the tax payers.

Territorial taxes were then running from six to eight mills on the dollar valuation. The anti-constitution crowd predicted that statehood would necessitate an increase of levy to twenty mills on the dollar for state purposes. The average state tax for the first two years of statehood is two and one-eighth mills instead of twenty mills or only about one-third of the average Territorial levy.

Thinking people ask why this is true, and the answer is that under democratic management corporations are made to pay their part of the taxes.

Then there are fees collected by the secretary of state and insurance commissioner amounting to thousands and thousands of dollars which go into the state treasury instead of the pockets of officeholders (as formerly) and relieve taxpayers of just that amount of burden. Then there is the special taxes the collection of which is under the direction of the state auditor.

One of these special taxes is called the inheritance tax provided for by the first legislature and is a tax levied upon certain gifts, inheritances, bequests, legacies, devises and successions. The amount of this tax is computed by the judge of the county court having jurisdiction, and is payable to the county treasurer before the final settlement of any estate liable to the tax. Both county judge and county treasurer are required to make report of this tax to the state auditor. At the present time this tax is not bringing in much revenue but it is a tax that will gradually grow and in time will, no doubt, represent a large part of the state revenues, indeed it is not impossible that this and the other special taxes will in time pay all the expenses of administering the affairs of state.

The Graduated Land Tax enacted by the first legislature was not so much for the purpose of raising revenue as for preventing the acquisition of large tracts of land by persons or corporations to the detriment of those who actually till the soil. It provides the levy of a special tax on all persons and corporations owning land in this state in excess of 40 acres of average taxable value and twenty dollars per acre has been fixed as the average value of Oklahoma land provided that 200 acres shall be exempt from the graduated land tax regardless of the value thereof. The levy runs from one-fourth of one per cent to ten per cent per annum and became effective July 1st of this year. This law will have the effect of raising considerable revenue in the future and will prevent the holding of large tracts of land such as has retarded the growth of Kansas and many other states in the union.

The Income Tax as provided for in Article 10, Chapter 31, Session Laws

of Oklahoma, 1907-08, is a tax levied upon the income of all persons whose gross income exceeds three thousand five hundred dollars per annum from salaries, fees, trade, profession and property. It is the duty of the assessor in making the annual assessment to list all persons whose income exceeds three thousand five hundred dollars per annum and to report the same to the state auditor. This is a source from which considerable tax will be gleaned this year and as the state grows older and richer will yield more and more each year. This is certainly a just tax as any one whose income exceeds thirty-five hundred dollars per year can well afford to bear more of the expenses of the government than the poor fellows who have a struggle to pay their grocery bills.

Another source of revenue looked in conformity with promises made by the democratic party is known as the Gross Revenue Tax. This is a tax levied upon the production of oil, coal, asphalt and other mineral products. When it is remembered that these products are seldom kept on the ground where mined for but a few hours and that the tax assessor rarely finds but a few dollars in property where many thousands of dollars are annually taken from the earth, it will be seen how necessary it is to provide some such tax to compel the mines to bear a just proportion of the burden of government.

This Gross Production Tax is one-half of one per cent of the actual cash value of all the products mentioned above. Reports are required to be made to the state auditor showing the amount of minerals, oil and gas, mined during each quarter and the tax is required to be paid quarterly, being delinquent after thirty days and bearing a penalty after that time. This is a tax which will produce a great amount of immediate revenue, and while it is being resisted in the courts, it is believed that the collections will not be long deferred.

Another part of the Gross Revenue Tax provides for a levy upon all public service corporations doing business in the state up to a certain percentage of the gross receipts of such public service corporations. The first taxes under this law become due June the 30th, 1909 and, after October the first, 1909 the tax becomes delinquent. This is an annual tax, the non-payment of which incurs a heavy penalty.

People will remember that all of these special taxes are made in conformity with the democratic platform and were explained by democratic papers and orators. Taxes from these sources will amount to nearly eight hundred thousand dollars at the present time and, as above intimated, may at some future time bear all the expenses of the state.

Do not forget that there has been a time in the history of Oklahoma but what the republican party could have enacted these same laws and relieved the poor overburdened taxpayers, but the republican party has ever been on such friendly terms with corporations that they have never attempted to make the corporations bear their just proportion of taxation.

Every one of these special tax laws go to relieve the farmer and merchant who heretofore have borne most of the burden of taxation, and every one of them stand as a monument to the redoubted promises of our democratic party of Oklahoma.

CUMMINS BACK AT JOE CANNON

NO MORTAL SHOULD HAVE SUCH POWER, THE SENATOR SAID, AS SPEAKER HAS.

NO CHANCE FOR INDIVIDUAL

From the Same Platform From Which the Speaker Denounced the Insurgents, the Iowa Pleaded for House Rule Revision.

Knoxville, Ia., Oct. 9.—Taking issue with Speaker Joseph G. Cannon, who from the same platform yesterday accused him of joining hands with Bryan, Senator Albert B. Cummins in a speech today attacked the rule of the house of representatives and defended the six Iowa insurgents who voted against the Payne Tariff Bill.

Senator Cummins declared emphatically for a change in the house rules which will take from the speaker the power to name committees and stated that this one issue is all that is at stake in the fight over the rules. He asserted that no mortal should have the power that lies in the hands of the speaker of the house of representatives under present rules and intimated that were he a member of the house he would have voted against Cannon for speaker.

Flatly denying Speaker Cannon's assertion that Cummins, like Bryan, is continually agitating the tariff question with a view to securing free trade the senator declared his unalterable opposition to any further general revision. He affirmed his faith in the protective principle, but expressed the hope that congress would never again attempt to revise the tariff without sufficient information to act intelligently on all schedules. Referring to the speaker's criticism of the Iowa insurgents Senator Cummins said they voted against the Payne Tariff Bill because they could not conscientiously support some of its schedules, which the rules prevented them from amending. In explaining how the Tariff Bill was passed, he said:

"The house had this bill with five thousand or more items making duties that positively concerned the welfare of every man and woman in the state of Iowa, and yet the representatives had a chance to vote for amendments to paragraphs relating only to hides, oil, lumber, barley and barley-malt, and to nothing else."

"And that bill was adopted in the house of representatives as a whole without the slightest opportunity on the part of the individual men to express an opinion on any one commodity separate from the rest of the bill save on these five things I have mentioned."

"It was adopted because they knew that if they did not vote for it their names would be singularly conspicuous by their absence from the list of house committee appointments."

"It is a farce to call that Tariff Bill the deliberate judgment of the house of representatives. It may be the best law in the world, but when you send men down to Washington to represent the people of Iowa, don't you think they ought to have a right to express their opinions and their objections if they have them?"

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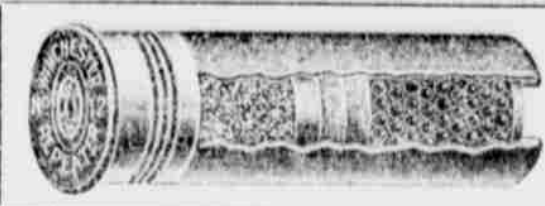
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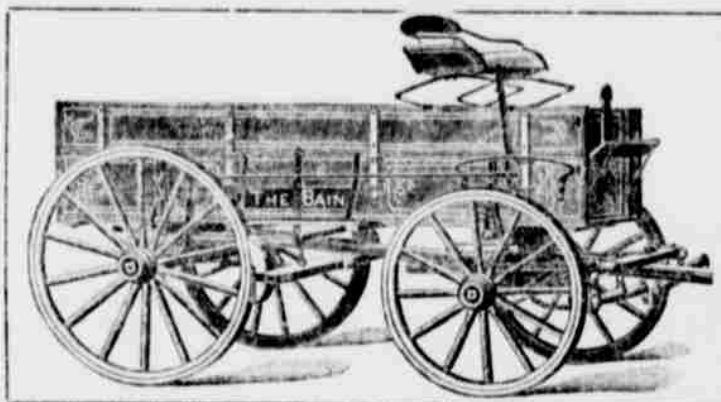


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PUTTING NEW FISH IN THE CITY LAKE

GOVERNMENT IS SAID TO HAVE INTRODUCED THE BREEM IN OKLAHOMA STREAMS.

It is learned that within the past few days the city lake has been stocked with a new species of fish, the Breem; also that other bodies of water in the vicinity have been visited by agents with large quantities of Breem. It is evident that local anglers will not wait for sport in the sucking line, and while the Breem is not a game fish, there is pleasure in catching it.

It is believed that the new fish inhabitants are little more than starfish as the following from Webster's says in two brief lines of the Breem:

1. A European fresh water euryptero fish of the genus Abramo, it is valued as food. Several species are known.
2. An American fresh water fish of various species of breams and allied genera, which are also called sunfishes and pond fishes.

Money Comes in Bunches

to A. A. Chisholm, of Fredwell, N. Y., now. His reason is well worth reading: "For a long time I suffered from indigestion, torpid liver, constipation, nervousness, and general debility," he writes, "I couldn't sleep, had no appetite, nor ambition, grew weaker every day in spite of all medical treatment. Then used Electric Bitters. Twelve bottles restored all my old-time health and vigor. Now I can attend to business every day. It's a wonderful medicine." Infallible for Stomach, Liver, Kidneys, Blood and Nerves. 50c at Ardmore Pharmacy.

FINE COUNTY COURT HOUSE

JOHNSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PURCHASE CHICKASAW CAPITAL BUILDING.

At the meeting of the county commissioners Tuesday, the following resolution was offered by H. T. Blount and seconded by V. A. Fine: Resolved, That whereas the secretary of the interior has caused to be

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appraised block number 76 in the town of Tishomingo, Johnston county, State of Oklahoma, including the Chickasaw capital building, jail and all other improvements thereon, at \$7,500 and.

Whereas, the Indian appropriation act of April 20th, 1908, allows the county of Johnston preference right to purchase above described property at the appraised value within 60 days from date of such appraisal.

Now, therefore, be it remembered, that on this, the 5th day of October, 1909, the county commissioners of Johnston county, in regular session assembled at Tishomingo, county seat of above named county, and by virtue of authority vested in them as such county commissioners, accept for, and in the name of Johnston county, the above mentioned property at its appraised value, according to the terms of a proposition made under date of September 15th, 1909, by the commissioners of the Five Civilized Tribes at Muskogee, Oklahoma, to the

county clerk of Johnston county, Oklahoma.

And it is hereby ordered, that the county clerk of Johnston county mail copies of this resolution to the secretary of the interior at Washington, D. C., and the commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes at Muskogee, Oklahoma.—Chickasaw Capital.

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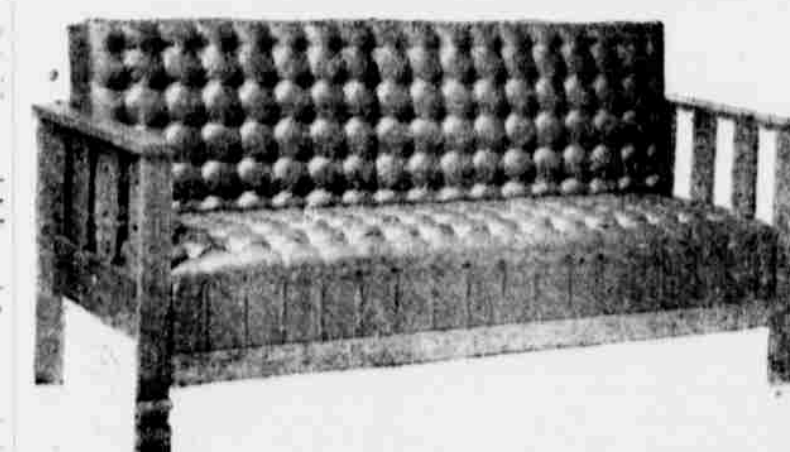
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